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SUBJECT: CRUISE INFORMATION, R/V YAQUINA, ET AL.

1. OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY (OSU) DESIRES CLEARANCE FOR THEIR RESEARCH VESSEL YAQUINA TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM AT CLARION ISLAND. PROGRAM WILL ENTAIL PUTTING SMALL PART ASHORE WHILE VESSEL OPERATES IN NEARBY WATERS.

2. DURING CRUISE FROM SAN DIEGO TO HONOLULU, OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 26, SCIENTISTS ABOARD R/V YAQUINA DESIRE TO SPEND ABOUT THREE DAYS IN VICINITY CLARION ISLAND, IN PERIOD NOVEMBER 9 TO 14. A PARTY OF FOUR WOULD BE PUT ASHORE BY SMALL BOAT TO GATHER ROCK SAMPLES; IT IS EXPECTED THEY WOULD BE ON THE ISLAND FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS. THE YAQUINA WOULD BE WORKING OFFSHORE, EMPLOYING A DREDGE TO BRING UP ADDITIONAL ROCK SAMPLES FROM ISLAND SUBMARINE SLOPES. SAMPLES COLLECTED WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO LABORATORY STUDY (CHEMICAL, PETROLOGIC AND AGE DATING ANALYSIS) IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN CHRONOLOGY OF VOLCANIC PROCESSES INVOLVED IN ISLAND FORMATION. REMAINDER OF VESSEL TIME DEDICATED TO VARIOUS PROJECTS INVOLVING UNCLASSIFIED

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COLLECTION OF GEOLOGICAL, GEOPHYSICAL AND PHYSICAL

OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA ACROSS NORTH PACIFIC ENROUTE TO HAWAII;  
NO OTHER PORTION OF VESSEL'S WORK IN GOM WATERS.

3. R/V YANQUINA IS L80 FT LENGTH, 865 TONS DISPLACEMENT.  
MASTER IS HOWARD LINSE WITH CREW OF 17. CHIEF SCIENTIST  
DR. THEODORE C. MOORE, ASSOC. PROF. AT OSU, HEADS A  
SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 12. SHORE PARTY TO CONSIST OF FOLLOW-  
ING OSU PERSONNEL: JAMES CLARK, DEBRA STAKES, CON-  
STANCE SANCETTA, AND JOHN TOTH. DATA OBTAINED WILL BE  
AVAILABLE GOM.

4. OSU HAS BEEN ADVISED OF FOUL-UP IN TRANSMITTAL  
OF CRUISE INFO TO EMBASSY, AND THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN  
LATE SUBMISSION THEIR REQUEST WITH GOOD CHANCE OF TURN-  
DOWN. HOWEVER STILL DESIRABLE POST ATTEMPT OBTAIN GOM  
APPROVAL ABOVE RESEARCH. DR. JACK R. DYMOND, ALSO ON  
OSU STAFF, AND COLLABORATOR OF DR. MOORE'S, HAS  
WRITTEN ON AUGUST 12 TO DR. RAUL ONDARZA OF CONACYT  
DIRECT REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THIS PROGRAM. NO  
RESPONSE TO DATE ON HIS LETTER.

5. AS PER DISCUSSIONS, CRUISE INFO HAS BEEN POUCHED ON  
FOLLOWING VESSELS: R/V ALASKA, CRUISES 1 AND 2; R/V  
N.B.SCOFIELD, CRUISES 3, 4, AND 5; R/V DAVID STARR  
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